

## **Good Progress on All Fronts Lower Temperatures and Higher Humidity on the Way**

With moderate fire behavior and hard work by fire fighters on the ground, air resources, local cooperators and support personnel, fire managers reported good progress across all areas of the Beaver Creek Fire today. Hotshot crews have been directly attacking the fire in Timber Gulch between Ketchum and Hailey. At the same time other crews have been strengthening a bulldozer line which runs from near Highway 75 to the top of the Bald Mountain Ski area. Large "Type 1" helicopters were used again today to place fire retardant along the bulldozer line. These important actions, and others, are being taken to prevent the fire's further spread toward Ketchum and Sun Valley, from the south.

A variety of aircraft, including a DC-10, were used on the southern portion of the fire to attack trouble spots in the Wolftone Creek area west of Hailey and north of the Croy Creek Road. Others worked the base of Carbonate Mountain to prevent any fire rolling off the steep face, which could threaten the town of Hailey. Meanwhile, hand crews and aircraft were working difficult terrain near Dollarhide Summit. There was little movement of the fire northwest of Ketchum in the Baker Creek area. That is allowing fire fighters to prepare plans and strategies which may prevent the fire from reaching the many homes which line the Highway 75 corridor, north of Ketchum.

"We got some great work done out there today" says Operations Chief Jeff Surber. As a result of that work, the Blaine County Sheriff was able to lift mandatory evacuations in some areas today. The fire does, however, still pose a serious threat and all area residents should remain vigilant. Current evacuation information can also be found at [www.blainesherriff.com](http://www.blainesherriff.com).

The fire's meteorologists are predicting that we will see somewhat lower temperatures and higher humidity beginning Tuesday afternoon, which should moderate the fire's behavior. At the same time the increasing possibility of thunderstorms late Tuesday and Wednesday, can produce erratic and gusty winds, which can lead to extreme fire behavior. An estimated 300 people attended a public meeting in Hailey Monday night to get a fire update. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in Sun Valley, at the Sun Valley Lodge.

Details about the fire are available at [inciweb.org/incident/3635/](http://inciweb.org/incident/3635/) . Residents can register for the Everbridge emergency alert system at [BlaineCounty.org](http://BlaineCounty.org) by clicking on the Emergency Alert Program tab on the left hand side of the page. Fire information lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 877-647-0663, 877-711-1333 and 877-640-3904.